

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Michael Sabourin and Brett Engstrom (Stranahan Stewardship Committee); Amy Kilton

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda:

Public Comment:

Minutes:

Stranahan parking problems: Amy Kilton emailed Chris, and her mom has spoken to Chris in the past. The parking lot for Stranahan is right across from Susan Fowler's house. She has had trouble with people partying at the parking lot. Susan had a hostile interaction with someone during the day, but for the most part the issues are after dark. Chris explained that we don't have a lot of police coverage. It could be closed off at night but someone would need to physically close it. There are no signs stating that the parking area is closed at night. The signs may not be effective but without signs, there can be no enforcement. There is an ordinance prohibiting being on town land between 10 pm and 6 am without permission from the Selectboard. Other options are putting up game cameras and/or solar lights.

The Board approved putting up signs and solar motion lights. Bobbi will order solar lights for the parking area and also for the Old Schoolhouse Common. Signs will be posted there and also on the Jake Martin Road and also at the Covered Bridge Park.

ARPA Planning: Bobbi has posed questions to VLCT but hasn't heard back yet. The Board intends to seek input when we have a better understanding of what the possible uses are.

Conservation Commission appointment: The Board received a request for appointment from Luke Boushee. The Board has not heard from the Conservation Commission yet. They will ask for a recommendation.

Warning language for appropriation requests: The Selectboard instructed Bobbi to add to the application, asking organizations to include information for the warning.

Grants: The Better Places grant is for gathering places in a village center. The grant application will be coming out towards the end of the year and we will apply for it. The picnic shelter may be eligible under this grant. The Placemaking grant doesn't seem to fit any of our current projects. The Recreation Economy grant is a technical service grant to help with planning. It wouldn't be for building anything. We would need a planning commission and volunteers to plan, and we currently don't have that.

Flood mapping: FEMA is remapping the Winooski River flood area. Rich went to the discovery meeting. He informed them about the work that was done to Marshfield Dam, and we would like better mapping of the Old Schoolhouse Common area because we have a certification that the building is outside of the floodplain.

CV Fiber: The Selectboard did not have any feedback on their annual report.

Solar trackers: The contractor accepted the terms and the solar tracker has been repaired.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the November 2, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
